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SUBJECT : SURVEY OF BANGLADESH GAS FIELD, 1971-72 SHELL

REFERENCE : HONG KONG 982

1. EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT POSSESS COPY OF SUBJECT REPORT.

2. IN RESPONSE OUR REQUESTS, CHAIRMAN PETROBANGLA (BDG OIL AND NATURAL GAS COMMISSION) AND BANGLADESH SHELL OIL EXECUTIVE TELL US THAT THERE IS NO RPT NO SUCH PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DOCUMENT. THEY ADD THAT SHELL DID MAKE PERIODIC INVESTIGATIONS OF THE BANGLADESH GAS FIELD AND SENT THESE TO THE THEN GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN, NOW RPT NOW BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT, BUT AGAIN THESE ARE NOT RPT NOT PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

3. SOME BRIEF, EXTREMELY GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE GAS FIELD WAS ISSUED MID-DECEMBER IN A BDG PRESS RELEASE (DACCA A-006) AND WE ARE POUCHING A COPY TO HONG KONG FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH.

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4. WE HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY TOLD BY SENIOR MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES, MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND PETROBANGLA OFFICIALS THAT THE BDG IS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING LARGE-SCALE PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT TO EXPLOIT ITS NATURAL GAS RESOURCES. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE THAT SERIOUS ON-THE-SPOT INQUIRIES BY US FIRM WOULD MEET WITH VERY CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF COOPERATION ON PART BDG OFFICIALS.
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